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SOURCE:

1. The following prices were charged in Lepaya and Riga in 1950 - 1951:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price (in rubles)</u>
Dress material, cotton	meter	24
Butter	kg	24
Material for ladies' coat	-	400
Labor for same, tailor	-	400
Coffee, cheap to good	kg	38-75
Pastries, in snack bar	each	3.50-4
Dress material (1949)	meter	80
Shoes, ladies', from shoemaker (1949)	pr.	400

The following wages were paid in Lepaya in 1949:

Pipe insulator, woman	per month	600-700
Unskilled workman	per month	250
Hospital doctor	per month	500

In 1951 prices were lower than in 1949.

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Estonian lady who lived in Chestnut Street, Tartu. This lady received 100 rubles per month support from the government and lived in one room, together with her daughter, who was a student. She had another room and kitchen in common with other inhabitants of the apartment. The spare room was occupied by a girl student who paid 50 rubles per month. In addition to this income of 150 rubles, the lady earned money working as a seamstress, doing it secretly in order to avoid high taxes. This lady allowed the German refugees to sleep in her room and received food for that. The daughter of this lady studied in the University of Tartu. The lady paid rent of 60 rubles per month for the apartment. The prices in Tartu are about the same as in Latvia.

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- 25X1X 3. In Panevezys [] a house with a poor Lithuanian woman and her family. This woman worked two shifts to earn enough money for food, and the smaller girls did not have decent clothes, nor even beds. The mother did men's work carrying bricks on construction projects, and the German refugees brought her food to help her, but her older daughter studied at the university in the Faculty of Economy. Source assumes that there must have been some support from the State for universities, though source does not know what kind of support it was.
4. Source has not been farther than Tartu. Each time when going to Estonia she purchased a ticket and never went illegally. There was no restriction as to purchasing a ticket from Latvia to Estonia. Source once used the rapid diesel motorcar, which was more expensive and generally used by officers and wealthy people. A railway ticket from Riga to Tartu for two persons cost 70 rubles, but in the rapid the fare was 102 rubles.

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